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## The Kings edict or declaration.

Enry by the grace of God King of  
Fraunce and Navare, to all men  
present and to come, greeting:  
Whereas since it pleased God to  
call vs to this Crowne, our prin-  
cipall Desire and intent whereat  
we haue leuelled all our actions,  
hath tended only to the establish-  
ment of a good and assured peace within this our  
Realme, to the end that all disorders, violence and  
miseries of warre ceasing, God might bee serued ac-  
cording to his holy commandements: and the autho-  
ritie of our lawes and justice restored, vnder the pro-  
tection whereof the three estates of our Kingdome  
might quietly and peaceably enjoy such thinges as  
truly vnto them doe appertaine. For the compassing  
whereof we haue (as it is well knowne) employed  
whatsoever our habilitie, our bloud, yea even our  
life, nothing regarding death in respect of such re-  
proch and infamie, as truly wee might be charged  
withall, in case we shoule endure the wrongfull sus-  
picion and dissipation which some men doe presume  
to make in this our Crowne of Fraunce. To the end  
therfore not to omit any thing collsing in the power

of a good Prince, that may tend to the restoring of the  
 so long expected, so necessarie & desired vniōn, peace  
 and tranquilitie among our Subjects, we haue with  
 much patience supported, and in respect of common  
 commoditie pardoned the offences and rash enterpri-  
 ses of diuers, who (were it not for this respect) haue  
 deserued to be chastised and repressed with most grie-  
 uous, rigorous and exemplarie punishments. In con-  
 sideration hereof, after all our victories, we haue par-  
 doned & giuen life to those that leuelled at ours: And  
 in regard of the great compassion that wee haue ta-  
 ken of the capitall Cittie of our Realme, and to the  
 end to eschew the sacke thereof, and to saue the bloud  
 of many good Citizens, who were no partakers in  
 the cursed dristes of the fauourers of this rebellion,  
 wee haue chosen rather to frustrate our selues of that  
 obedience that vnto vs is due, then to see the inno-  
 cent inhabitants, the woomen and yong children, to-  
 gether with so many beautifull buildinges exposed to  
 the violence, rage, and fury of fire and sworde. Wee  
 haue therefore vpon the causes and considerations  
 aforesaid, in the moneth of July last, agreed and con-  
 curred to a generall truce, for three monethes, du-  
 ring which time the Deputies of the faction of our  
 disobedient Subjects, haue giuen vs to understand  
 and assured vs, that speedely they would sende to the  
 Rōpt, to haue his good aduice vpon such resolution  
 as they were to take for the conclusion of a good and  
 stedfast Peace, and reconciliation of vs, who are  
 their King and naturall Prince. Wherein also for  
 their partes they haue most expressly promised to im-  
 ploy

play themselves with all loyalty and affection, for the restoring of the Peace of this Land, which made vs the more ready to yeeld to the said Truce, albeit wee were sufficiently informed of such disaduantages as otherwise unto them might arise, also that in matter of armes, wee had them farre on the hippe: yea and that during the said conference, wee had perforce taken the Towne and Castell of Dreux, euен in the face of the principall Leaders of their faction. Notwithstanding the assistaunce of the Spanish Protectors: as also that we wanted no meanes so to oppresse the saide Cittie of Paris, that the want of victuals should in the end haue counsellel them to shake off the yoke of those, who for many yeares had tyrannized, and insolently abused their miserable patience. To all the which notwithstanding wee of our authoritie did yeeld, the rather in respect of the Pope, whome wee wished to be euery way satisfied, & to be truely informed of our actions and behauour, to whome also we purposed to haue recourse, to lay open our greuances, and to craue his aide, fauour, and assistance: and to the same effect had chosen our Deere and well beloued Cosen, the Duke of Nevers, a Prince accomplitshed with all vertues, endewed with wisedome, pietie, and good desertes, who preferring the seruice of God, and benefite of this Estate, before the discommodities of his health, and the daungers and sedisnesse of the way, hath cheerefully undertaken the voyage toward him: But as for the Deputies of the said faction, who so assuredly promised with all diligence to send, we haue not perceiued that during the

Saide three monethes of Truce, they euer made any  
accoupt to depart. further, albeit that since the con-  
clusion of the said Truce of three monethes, we haue  
in all their actions founde in manner no Desire to  
reestablish the publike Peace of this Realme, of the  
spoyle wherof they purpose to clothe themselues,  
and to grow ritch with the goods and bloud of all  
good and loyall Frenchmen: with all, that there is  
come to our handes a certaine Oath, taken by the  
principal of that faction, almost at the very time that  
they signed the saide Truce, and had promised faith-  
fully to deale, and to consider of the meanes, how to  
conclude a good Peace, and to reconcile themselues  
vnto vs, and to that end, to send to Rome for the good  
and wise advise of the Pope: the saide Oath impor-  
ting that they shold neuer treate of any Peace or a-  
greement with vs, wherein they suffered themselues  
to bee so farre carried away with the passions of the  
King of Spaynes agents, that they reserved not  
so much as the Popes authoritie, to whome they pro-  
mised to send: we were therewith grieved, and pro-  
uoked, accordaninge to the exigence of the case: All  
which notwithstanding, vpon their desire to prolong  
the Truce for twoo monethes more. v3. to the ende of  
the moneth of December last, shewing vs that it was  
vnpossible vppon our refusall of this delay, for their  
Deputies to come to Rome tyme inough to be at y re-  
solution, which might be there taken for the reuision  
of our Subjectes to our obedience, we vpon a desire  
to iustifie whatsoeuer our actions in the presence of  
the Pope. preferring our purposed respect vnto him  
before

before our owne profite, and the suretie of our affaires  
which we much hindered and prolonged, by reason of  
the said delayes and prolonginges of the Truce, wee  
yet graunted them the same for the monethes of No-  
vember and December. Howbeit gathering by the  
small desire that they had to see an ende of the mis-  
ties of this Realme, together with the authoritie that  
vnjustly they haue vslurped ouer a parte thereof: iud-  
ging also by ths Delayes, so artificially by them pro-  
cured, that in all likelihood they tended onely to pro-  
long the calamities of France, and to assure to them-  
selues the wrongfull usurpation of the townes and  
Provinces by them possessed. We vpon these causes  
hauing referred all these matters to the consideration  
a mature deliberation of the Counsele, haue resolued to  
deny them the prorogation of the said Truce, for the  
monethes of January, February, and March, which  
they craved with such instance, as we had cause iustly  
to beleue, that such pursuite never tended to grow to  
any good conclusion of Peace, but rather to tempo-  
rize vntill the Spanish forces might arriue in our  
frontiers of Picardy, by whose comming into the  
Realme, they mighte haue the better oportunitye to  
prosecute warre against vs, to the destruction of our  
good & loyal Subiectes: which God of his holy grace  
would not permit, who hath opened our eyes to see,  
(by such their missnes as haue bene intercepted,) in-  
to their wicked Deuises, and obstinate resolution to  
mainetaine a perpetuall mischiefe within this our  
Kingdome: his Devine clemency hauing taken into  
his especiall protection the Defence of our iust cause,

and enspired the hartes of an infinite number of our  
good bassalls and Subiectes, to acknwoledge the  
duty wherein they are naturally bound vnto vs, as  
appeereth by the comming in within these three mo-  
nethes into our obedience of the townes of Meaux,  
Lyons, Orleans, Bourges, Pontoise and others, among  
all others shal never be forgotten the happy comming  
in of our good towne of Paris, the head Cittie of this  
Realme, which happened the two and twentith of  
March, with such clemency, pollicy, good order and  
moderation, that not so much as one onely Citizen  
can iustly complaine of any iniury or offence against  
him any way committed: where the entry of our Ar-  
my shewed no discontentment, but rather resembled  
the ioyfull entry heretofore made by the Kinges our  
predecessors at their comming to the crowne, in that  
the ioy and applause of the people, vpon the sight of  
their so long desired King, were no whit lesse then if  
they had euuen then enjoyed the like surety, as by  
these presents is vnto them graunted of our grace,  
fauor, and protection, with forgetfullnesse of all thin-  
ges past, and assurance that we will never put in ob-  
lition the desertes of such as in our seruice haue made  
shew of their vertue and stedfastnesse. The consid-  
eration hereof, together with the especiall goodnessse  
wherewith (vpon this occasion) it hath pleased God  
to fauour vs, hath, and still doeth bind vs more then  
any other mortall creature, to imagine, and continu-  
ally to devise how we may make our actions and be-  
haviours agreeable before the holy maiestie of his de-  
vine prouidence, who as hee surpasseth in goodnessse  
and

and clemency, whatsoeuer the sp̄rite of man is able to comprehend, so hath he bouthfaſed to leauē vnto vs as an instruction and testimony, the example and woord of his sonne Jesus Christ, to testifie vnto vs that whosoeuer will be accompted his children, must forget others transgressions. Upon this occasion acknowledging that nothing is vnto vs a greater witnesse that wee are made to the likenesse of God, then courtesie and gentlenesse, freely forgetting all passed offences and transgressions: we haue, and by these presentes doe declare, that wee haue, and doe accept into our fauour, the Citizens, dwellers, and inhabitan‐ts of our good towne of Paris: Of our especiall fauour and autority royall, we haue and doe abolish all matters happened in the said towne during, and by occasion of these present troubles, wee will and ordaine, that the same doe remaine suppressed, abolished, extinguished, and taken as thinges never hap‐pened: and to that effect with the aduice of the Prin‐ces and Lordes of our Counsell about vs, we haue or‐deined and decreed these thinges ensuing.

I first we will and ordeine according to the Edict of pacification established by the late King our deere brother and Lord in the yeare 1577. together with the Declarations since by vs made for the obseruati‐on of the same, that within the Citty and Suburbes of Paris, and within tenne leagues round about, de‐termined by the said Edict, there shall be no exercise of any other then the Romish Religion: We doe also expressly forbid all maner of persons, vnder the paines in our Decrees contained, not to molest or disquiet the

Clergie in the celebration of divine service ; in the en-  
joying or receiving of the fruites, and revenues of  
their benefices, or of any other the rights or duties  
vnto them appertaining, whereof to that purpose wee  
haue, and by these presents doe give the ful possession.  
Also our wyl and intent is, that whosoever since these  
troubles haue seased vpon any Churches, houses,  
goods or revenues appertaining to the said Clergie,  
resident within the diocesse of Paris, as well of such  
as are resident in our saide towne, as elsewhere  
throughout our Realme, and which doe detaine or  
occupie the same, shall redēkuer vnto them the full  
possession and fre vse of the same, together with all  
rights, liberties and priuiledges that they enjoyed  
before they were disseased of the same.

2 Also for a more full and perpetuall declaration  
of the singular affection and loue that we beare to our  
good towne of Paris, we haue remitted, reintegra-  
ted, and restored, and doe remit, reintegrate and re-  
store the same to all her auncient priuiledges, rights,  
graunts, franchizes, liberties and freedomes wher-  
with she hath heretofore beene endued by the Kinges  
our predecessors, all which we doe by these presents  
a new graunt, confirme and continue the same to vse,  
and from henceforth to enjoy well and duely as in  
times past and before these present troubles, as well  
in all matters concerning the vniversitie, the body  
and towne house, the prouost of Marchaunts,  
the Shrewicke and officers of the same, as all  
other bodies, Colledges and Commonnalties of  
whatsoever title or qualitie, which heretofore and be-  
foze

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fore the said troubles haue bene established.

To the end also to take away all cause of enqui-  
ries, processes & quarels in time to come, vpon occasion  
of any thing happened, during the said troubles: vp-  
on a more ample declaration of our will concerning  
the discharge and abolishment afore contained, wee  
haue ordained and decreed, and by these presents doe  
ordaine and decree, that the remembrance of whatso-  
ever hath passed in the said towne of Paris and ther-  
abouts, so farre as the same may concerne the saide  
inhabitants and others that were present in the  
towne at the yeelding of the same, who shall within  
eight daies after the publication of these presents, ex-  
hibite their othes and promises contained in our de-  
claration heretofore published in our Parliament at  
Paris, from the beginning of these present troubles, &  
vpon occasion of the same unto this day, shall remaine  
extinct and quenched, as well for taking of armes, suc-  
prise of Townes, forcing of townes, Castles, houses or  
fortresses, razing of the same, leuying of Coyne of the  
receipts generall or particular, of Tenthes, Gable,  
and sale of Salt, taxes imposed vpon the same, and  
all other impositions and leuie of Coyne, as wel in the  
said towne as neere ther about, all treaties and for-  
raine imposition exacted vpon wares, Marchant-  
dize, Victuals, casting of Ordinaunce and Bullets,  
making of Poulder & Salt peter with other instru-  
ments of warre, coyning of mony, practisings & leuies  
of Souldiers, conducts and employts of the same,  
leagues, negotiations and treaties either in the  
Realme or without, sale of mooueables, selling of

woods, either vnder wood or Timber, amends, bo-  
ties, rausomes or any other acts of hostilitie: And  
generally all other thinges that haue beene done,  
wrought and negotiated after whatsoeuer forme or  
manner, publike or private, during these present trou-  
bles or by occasion of the same: So as neither the said  
inhabitants, neither any of them shall from hence-  
forth be troubled, molested, disquieted or listed in any  
maner or sort whatsoeuer: ne illing that to that effect  
they remaine quit and discharged, and in such cases  
imposing perpetuall silence to all our attornies gene-  
ral or any other Parsons whatsoeuer. Our meaning  
also is, and (expressly) we doe enioyne them that they  
gire ouer all Leagues, treatise, assotiations, practi-  
ses or intelligences as well within the Realme as  
without, that may any way be repugnant to our au-  
thoritie, vnder paine to be punished as guiltie of trea-  
son. Likewise for the auoiding of all occasions of qua-  
rell or debate that may arise among our Subjects,  
we haue inhibited and forbidden, and by these pre-  
sents doe inhibit and forbid them any way to iniury,  
reproch, offend or prouoke one an other, either by  
deede or word for any thing passed or during these  
troubles, enioyning them to continue themselves, and  
to liue quietly together as good brethren, friends and  
fellow Citizens vnder the obseruation of our Edicts,  
vpon paine to all offenders presently to bee punished  
without farther forme of law or processe as disturbers  
of the common quiet.

4 Furthermore we will & ordaine that all arrests  
comissions, and executions of the same, all decrees,  
sentences

sentences, judgments, contracts, and all judicial acts  
 passed betweene parties of one faction, and between  
 all such as voluntarily haue gone to law as well in  
 Soueraigne courtes, in the prouostie of Paris, in the  
 presidiall See, and in other courts and iurisdictions  
 of the said towne, prouostship and vicomptie during  
 the said troubles, shall be good and in force: Neither  
 shall there be any enquirie taken upon executions of  
 death that haue passed by the authoritie of justice or  
 course of warre and commandement of leaders. Also  
 as concerning Decrees, sentences and judgments  
 graunted against the absent of contrarie factions,  
 whether in criminall courtes or ciuill, or in any the  
 Soueraigne courtes of this Realme or the iurisdicti-  
 ons of the same, they shall remaine boide and of none  
 effect vpon any cause or occasion whatsoeuer: Like-  
 wise all iudgements passed against the Countie  
 Brissar in respect of the partie that he followed, shal be  
 cancelled and reuoked, as also shall bee whatsoeuer  
 giftes by vs or our predecessors of any the goods to  
 him appertaining made or granted, & that in consid-  
 eration of the great Loyall and most commendable  
 seruice done to vs & to the whole estate of the Realme,  
 in reducing of the good towne of Paris vnto our obe-  
 dience. Also as concerning all executions of death  
 passed against any the inhabitants for any matter  
 depending vpon the said troubles, our will and mea-  
 ning is that the saide executions shall be no way pre-  
 iudicial to the honor or memory of the dead: Also that  
 such confiscactions as our attournies haue or may pre-  
 tend vnto, shall take no place to the prejudice of their  
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widdowes children and heires.

5 We will and our pleasure is, that all the said inhabitants that shall performe the said promises, submission and Oath, shall reenter unto the enioying of their goods, offices, dignities and demaines whatsoeuer situated or being, wherein we reuoke all giftes and graunts of any such things that may be prejudicall to those to whom they did appertaine, or to their widdowes, and heires.

6 In consideration of seazures heretofore made vpon the goods, inheritaunces, rents and reuenues of the said inhabitants of Paris, or elsewhere within the said prouostship or vicountay, who shall fulfill the said promises and submissions, in whatsoeuer place the said goods be situate or remaining, they shall remaine boide: And we doe graunt to the saide inhabitants ful and perfect recovery of the said seazures and haue acquitted and restored vnto them whatsoeuer may be vnto vs due in respect of the same, notwithstanding whatsoeuer graunts that may bee passed, which we haue cancelled and reuoked, and by these presents doe cancell and reuoke, without respect of any promises or bondes not discharged, made by the labourers or fermers as well to the graunts as to the Commissaries and fermers in law, which are and shall stand boide: Also as concerning Debts or credit due to the said inhabitants, our pleasure is that with respect of giftes that therof may haue bene granted, al which we haue, and doe cancell and reuoke, they may compell or cause to bee compelled all such as are to them bound by bond, promise, Obligation or setting ouer

over to pay in like forme as they might haue done before the said troubles.

7 All provissons of Offices graunted by the Duke of Mayenne shal remaine voide and of no effect. Howbe it such as haue obtained the said provissons by the death or resignation of such as haue beeene of their owne faction (except the estate of presidents in our Soueraigne courts) shall bee continued in the saide Offices by our letters of provision, which to that end shall be dispatched vnto them, without paying any thing as also shall be continued in like forme all new Officers by vs erected in matter of salte, that haue purchased their provissons of the Duke of Mayenne, which also shall remaine vvoide and of no effect.

8 Such as by the Duke of Mayenne haue bene promoted to benefices not consistoriall, being within the saide Cittie vvoide by death shall bee continued in the same by taking of vs their dimissories necessarie, wherby such as they haue had from the Duke of Mayenne shal rest vvoide and of no effect.

9 In respect of such the inhabitants as were not in the towne at the yeelding of the same, wheresoever they were or might be, they shall enioy the like benefit as others that were present, in case within one month after the publication of these presents they doe come in, and make the said submissions and promise to liue vnder our obedience.

10 All such inhabitants as vnder our Pasports shall depart the towne and betake them into any other parts of our obedience, bearing them selues modestly and committing nothing repugnant to the fa-

delitie they shalbe vnto vs, vpon their submissions and promises afore mentioned, shall enjoy their goods without trouble or molestation.

11 For the ease of the saide inhabitants, during this present yeare, the Debters of set rents shall not be compelled to pate more of their arreageges quartly then the yearly stint, without prejudice to other former arreageges, for the which there shall be order set downe, as much to the ease of every man as may be.

12 That the accompts made at Paris during the troubles by any that were accountable before the officers of accompts there resident, shall not be subiect to the review, but onely in case of ordinance.

13 We meane not notwithstanding in these presents to comprise any thing committed in forme of thefte or without aduise: In consideration whereof we haue permitted and doe permit vnto every man all free libertie by course of law to seeke their remedie as they shall thinke good, as also we doe except all such as shall be found guiltie of the horrible murder committed on the parson of the late king our deere Lord & brother or of any conspiracie against our life: As also all trespasses and transgressions punishable betweene men of one selfe faction.

We doe therefore command our deare and trusty Chauncellor, the officers of our Crowne, all Dukes and Peeres of Fraunce and all the Lords of our Counsell and the ordinarie maisters of requests of our house, to the same end by vs appointed and deputed, to cause these presents to be read, published, and enrouled.

rowled in the registers of our courte of Parliament, in our Chamber of accounts, in our courte of Aides, in our generalls of Moneys and in all other places expedient: willing and commaunding that the contents of the same be inviolably kept and obserued, and that notwithstanding whatsoeuer oppositions, appellations, edicts, declarations, arrests, iudgements, letters, precepts prohibitions and other matters hereto contrarie, to all which in respect hereof we haue and by these presents doe derogate together with all derogatories of derogatories thereunto contrarie. For to the end the same may remaine firme and stedfast for ever, we haue to these presents signed with our hand, set our Seale, given at Paris in the Moneth of March the yeare of grace 1594. and of our Raigne the fifth.

Thus Signed I HENRY.

And somewhat lwoer. By the King. R VZE  
 And on the side. VIS A G D  
 And Sealed with the great Seal upon Lables of  
 Silke in greene Ware.

The King hath ordained and doth ordaine that  
 upon the seale of these letters, shall bee set his name,  
 Read, Published and Registered, in the hearing, and  
 at the desire of his Attorney generall. Geuen at Pa-  
 ris in the great Chamber of Parliament, there sit-  
 ting the Lord Chanceler, with the officers of the

Crowne, the Dukes and Peeres of Fraunce : The Counsellors of his Counsell of estate, and some of the ordinarie maisters of requestes of his house the 28. day of March 1594.

Signede by **L VILLIER** R. of the K. of France  
and attayned by **L VILLIER** R. of the K. of France  
The King hath ordained, and doth ordaine that  
vpon the fould of these letters shall bee set downe,  
Read, Published, and Registered. Geuen at Paris in  
the Chamber of accompts, the Lord Chaunceler ther  
sitting with the officers of the Crowne, the Dukes  
and Peeres of Fraunce : The Counsellors of his  
counsell of estate, and some of the ordinarie maisters  
of requestes of his house the 28. of March 1594.

Signede **L VILLIER** R. of the K. of France

The King hath ordained and doth ordaine that  
vpon the fould of these letters shall bee set downe.  
Read and Published & Registered in the hearing, and  
at the desire of the Kings Attournie generall. Geuen  
in the Chamber of Aides at Paris : The Lord  
Chaunceler there sitting, with the officers of the  
Crowne, the Dukes and Peeres of Fraunce, the  
Counsellors of his counsell of estate and some of the or-  
dinarie maisters of requestes of his house the 28. of  
March 1594.

Signede **L VILLIER** R. of the K. of France

It is ordained that upon the fould of the laid letters  
shall be set downe, Read, Published, and Registered.  
Seuen at Paris in the Chamber of Moneyes by the  
Lords of Riz and Pontcarre, the Kings Counsellors in  
his counsell of estate and Commissaries thereunto by  
his Majestie deputed the 28. of March 1594.

*Signed.* L VILLIER.

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The Kinges Letters Patents for the  
reestablishment of the Court of Parliament  
of Paris.

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by Frederick Morell, by E. A.

**H**enry by the grace of God, King  
of Fraunce and of Navarre: To  
all them to whome these present  
Letters shall come, greetinge.  
Whereas through the mishap of  
the dissention rayed and conti-  
nued in this our Realme, by the  
wicked driftes of some forreine Princes our enemies,  
and other our rebellious subiectes as well in the time  
of the late King our most honourable Lord and bro-  
ther, as also since our comming to the crowne, sondry  
townes haue beene withdrawn from the obedience  
due to our saide Lord and brother, and to vs: among  
the which our good towne of Paris, hauing bene occu-  
pied by our ennemis and manifestly endauagered  
to the intollerable yoake and shamefull dominion of  
the Spanyard, hath perpetrated many thinges con-  
trary to the obedience due to their lawfull King:  
where remayned an infinite number of Citizens,  
some for feare of the losse of their goods, others for  
that they could not abandon such persons, to whose  
preseruation by nature they were bound: others for  
want of meanes and ability to liue elsewhere: and  
some vpon a desire to doe seruice to vs, and to the  
whole

whole common wealth of this Realme. Among whome sondry Officers of our Court of Parliament did there make their residence and continued the exercise of the Office to them committed, which before the troubles they had executed in our saide Parliament: for the which our saide Lord and brother having conceaved against them most indignation, did inhibite them, and therewpon made certaine declarations since published in the Court of Parliament transferred to Tours: The like whereof, and vpon the like cause and occasion our selues continued as declaring whatsoeuer their decess, iudgements, and ordinances to bee vopde and of none effect. Howbeit in respect of the causes contayned in our Edict which we caused to be published in our great Chamber of Parliament: we of our especiall grace, full power and authority royall, haue extinguished and abolished all matters committed in our laide good towne of Paris, during and by occasion of the troubles: Als also, wee haue thought it requisite and necessary for the benefite of our service and common quiet, to the end so good a towne should not remaine destitute of the exercise of justice royall, for the preseruation of the good, and punishment of the wicked, vntill wee may reassemble the whole body of that our said Court, by the returne of our trusty and welbeloued, the members of our said Court of Parliament transferred to Tours: Also the Chamber erected at Chalais for the exercise of Justice, whome to that end wee haue sent for: that the Counsellors and other Officers of the said Court, who haue had their provissons from the

kinges our predecessors, & haue made their residence  
 in this said towne before the saide troubles, shalbe  
 restored and reintegrated in the exercise of their fun-  
 ctions: as having deemed the said Counsellors wor-  
 thy this our fauour and grace, in respect of the vertue  
 and constancy by them shewed in sundry matters,  
 namely in the resolution taken to make the Decree  
 whiche they published and vertuously maintained in  
 the moneth of June last past, against such as endeuo-  
 red to alter and infringe the orders of the lawfull  
 succession of this Realme. In consideration where-  
 of, we haue taken away, and disanulled, and do take  
 away and disanull the interdiction made, as well by  
 the said King, as by vs against the saide Counsellors  
 and other officers, at this present in good number re-  
 sident in this saide towne, who after they shall haue  
 taken the oath herein requisite, in the handes of our  
 trusty and deere Chaunceler, shalbe reestablished and  
 restored to the exercise of their Offices: as by these  
 presents we haue restored and reestablished, and doe  
 restore and reestablish them: to the end after the said  
 oath, they may enjoy the like honors, prerogatiues,  
 rightes, authoritie, pruileges and preemnences,  
 whiche afore time they had and did enjoy, before the  
 said interdictions: so as the said Counsellors may do,  
 and performe all actes and exercises of iurisdiction,  
 and soueraigne Justice, that appertayneth to our  
 Parliament, in as ample maner, as they did or might  
 haue done, in case the saide Interdictions had never  
 bene against them declared, proceeding to the publi-  
 cation of Edictes, admission of Officers, soueraigne

judgements and all other expeditions and orders  
heretofore made in our saide Parliament. wee doe  
therefore commaund our most trusty and welbeloued  
Chauncelor: the Officers of the Crowne: the Dukes  
and Pieres of France: the other Lords of our Coun-  
sell, and the ordinary Masters of Requestes, by vs  
committed and deputed, that they eause these pre-  
sents to be read, published, and registered, to the ende  
the contentes of the same may be kept, obserued and  
put in execution, according to their forme and tenure:  
For such is our pleasure: In witnessse whereof, wee  
haue signed these presentes with our hand, and to the  
same affixid our seale. Given at Paris the 28. of  
March, the yeare of grace 1594. and of our raigne  
the fifth.

Thus signed HENRY.

And vpon the fould. By the King. RVZE.

And sealed with a great seale in yellow waxe.

The King hath ordained and doth ordaine that vpon  
the fould of these Letters shalbe set downe, Red,  
published, and registered in the hearing, and at the de-  
sire of his Attorney Generall. Given at Paris in the  
great Chamber of Parliament, the Lord Chaunce-  
lor there sitting, with the Officers of the Crowne, the  
Dukes and Pieres of France. The Counsellors of  
his Counsell of Estate, and some of the ordinary Ma-  
sters of Requests of his house, the 20. of March 1594

Signed

LVILLIER.

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The Decree of the Court of Parliament of Paris, of the 30. day  
of March 1594. Gathered out of the Registers of Parliament.

**H**e Court having from the xiij. day of the moneth of January last, sollicited the Duke of Mayenne to acknowledge that King, whome God & the lawes haue giuen to this Realme, and to procure the Peace, whereto he would never condiscend, as being inuegled by the policies of the Spanyardes and their adherents: and God having lithence of his infinite goodness delivered this Towne of Paris, out of the hands of straungers, and reduced the same into the obedience of her naturall and lawfull King. Having yeelded soleinne thankes to God for this happy successe, desirous to employ the authority of the Soueraigne Justice of this Realme, to the end, that by preseruing the Romane Religion, we might hindre strangers

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vnder the false pretence threof, from seasing vpon  
 the Estate: and call agayne all Princes, Prelates,  
 Lordes, Gentlemen, and other Subiectes to the  
 grace and clemency of the King, and to a generall re-  
 conciliation, and to repaire whatsoeuer the licence of  
 the Cunill warres hath altered in the authority of the  
 Lawes, and foundation of the Estate, Rightes, and  
 Honour's of the Crowne: the matter deliberated vp-  
 pon in the saide Court, all the Chambers assembled,  
 Hath declared, and doeth declare all Arrestes, De-  
 crees, Ordinances, and Oathes, giuen, made, and  
 taken, sithence the nine and twentieth of December  
 Anno 1588. in prejudice of the authority of our kings  
 and Lawes of the Realme, to be voyde and vorested  
 by force and violence: and as such, hath revoked, can-  
 celled and annihilated them, and ordayned that  
 they shall remayne abolished and suppressed: And  
 especially hath declared, and doeth declare whatso-  
 euer hath bene done, contrary to the Honor of the late  
 King Henry the third, aswell during his life, as si-  
 thens his decease, to bee voyde: Doeth prohibite all  
 persons to speake of his memory, otherwise then with  
 honor and reverence: And moreouer ordayneth that  
 information shall be taken of the detestable parricide  
 committed on his person, and extraordinarily procee-  
 ded against those that shall be found guilty thereof.  
 The sayd Court hath revoked and doeth revoke the  
 power heeretofore giuen to the Duke of Mayenne,  
 vnder the quallity of Lieftenaunt Generall of the  
 Estate and Crowne of Fraunce: It prohibiteh all

persons, of what estate or condition soever, to acknowledge him in this calling: To yeeld him any obedience, fauour, comfort, or ayde, vpon paine to be punished as offendours guilty of high Treason. And vpon like payne hath enioyned the sayd Duke of Mayenne, and other Princes of the house of Lorraine, to acknowledge King Henry the fourth of that name, Kinge of Fraunce, for their Kinge and Soueraigne Lord, and to yeeld vnto him the obediencie and seruice to hym due. And to all other Princes, Prelates, Lordes, Gentlemen, Townes, Communitie, and particular persons, to forsake the pretended partye of the Union. Whereof the Duke of Mayenne hath made himselfe head, and to yeeld vnto the Kinge seruice, obedience and fidelite: Upon payne, that the sayde Princes, Lordes and Gentlemen bee degraded from theyr Nobilitie and declared Peasantes, both they and their posteritie, with confiscation of body and goods,razing and rymatinge of Townes, Castells, and places, which shall bee infringers of the commandemente and ordinaunce of the Kinge. Hatch cancellled and reuoked, doth cancell and reuoke what soever hath beeene doone, decreed and ordayned by the pretended Deputies of the assembly holden in this Towne of Paris, vnder the name of the Generall Estates of this Realme: as vnde and done by private persons, chosen, and wrought for the mostparte by the factious of thyg Realme, and partakers with the Spanyarde, and hauinge no lawfull

lawfull power at all. Doeth prohibite the sayd pretended Deputies, to take vpon them this qualtie, or to assemble themselues any more in thys Towne or elsewher, vpon payne to bee punished as disturbers of the common rest, and Traytors. And doeth enioyne those of the sayd pretended Deputies, which yet at this present are in this Towne of Paris, to withdraw themselues euery of them in hys house, there to lyue vnder the obedience of the King, and to take the Oath of fidelie before the Judges of the places.

Hath also ordayned and doeth ordayne that all processions and solemnities ordayned, during the troubles, and by reason thereof shall cease; and in steed thereof, the two and twentith day of March, shall be for euer kept holy, and vpon the same day shal be a generall procession, according to the accustomed manner. Whereat shall be assistant the sayd Court in red Robes, in remembrance, and for to giue thankes to God for the happy delivery and reduction of the sayd Towne to the Kinges obedience: And to the end no person pretend cause of ignorance of this present decree: hath ordayned and doth ordayne, that it shall bee read, and published by sound of Trumpet and publike crye, throughout all the chiese quarters of thys Towne of Paris, and in all the Courtes of this Jurisdiction: and to this end the same shall bee printed, and at the diligence of the Kinges Attorney Generall shall be sent to all his Substitutes: whome it enioyneth to see the same.

executed, and thereof to certifie the sayd Courte.  
Done in Parliament, the thirtith day of March  
1594.

Read and Published by sound of Trumpet,  
and Proclamation, throughout the principall quar-  
ters of this Towne of Paris, the next day being  
the last of the sayd moneth.

**S**ubscribed      **D**e Villoutreys.

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